(b) ISPs in India are using the method to distribute their Internet Services to their clients by way of Internet sharing.

(c) Does not arise.

Increase of tariff for fixed line calls

1730. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has increased the tariffs for fixed line calls between Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Mumbai subscribers will also have to pay a higher fee for calls made to satellite towns of Thane and Navi Mumbai;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for which these tariffs have been increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Pulse for fixed line call charges between Delhi and its adjoining areas have been revised from 180 seconds to 120 seconds. List of Stations are given below:—

NCR Stations Code

Distance	Station	Code
0-50	Ghaziabad	95-120
0-50	Noida	95-120
0-50	Faridabad	95-129
0-50	Sonepat	95-130
0-50	Bhadurgarh	95-1276
0-50	Gurgaon	95-124
0-50	Modi Nagar	95-1232
0-50	Sikandrabad	95-5735

(c) and (d) No such increase has been done in MTNL Mumbai.

(e) Revision has been necessitated to offset the loss to MTNL in order to comply to the interconnectivity regime.

Internet-Telephony for domestic and long distance calls

1731. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to allow Internet-telephony for domestic local and long-distance calls in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) and (b) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has submitted its recommendations for Unified Licence which *inter alia* include Internet-telephony for domestic and long distance calls. The recommendations are under consideration and no final decision has been taken so far.

Salient features of jobs for America Act

1732. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US introduced the jobs for America Act recently;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed Act; and

(c) in what manner it would help/affect the Indian IT professionals who wish to go to USA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) Commission on America Jobs Act Bill was introduced in 109th Congress on 15th February 2005 and it was referred to the Committee on Education and the workforce.